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Major General James L. Brown, USAF
 Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
 Department of the Air Force
 Washington, D. C. 20330

Dear Jim:

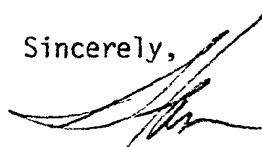
I have received your request for a briefing for General Jones and members of the Air Staff of the TACAIR balance in the central front which was briefed to General Dixon last spring.

As a result of new data available since that time, ongoing analysis and further analysis prompted by the dialogue with TAC, CIA has some conclusions with respect to the TACAIR balance in the central front which are new or different from those which the facts would support last spring. Accordingly, I have directed that a briefing be presented to General Jones which expresses our current assessment of that balance and highlights where these have changed from last spring. Since this briefing is a fall-out from General Dixon's comments to me on this same subject, this briefing will address--where appropriate--information relative to those comments.

As [] suggested to you, it may be useful for the Air Staff to review the CIA monograph "The Balance of Forces in Central Europe" of August 1977 which contains much of the material briefed to General Dixon in a partially updated form. This may prompt specific questions which we could address in the briefing or may even substitute for the briefing. Additionally, the attached monograph on pilot training which was just completed by the Office of Strategic Research might also be of interest to the Air Staff.

[] will be in contact with you with further details and scheduling.

Sincerely,



STANSFIELD TURNER

Attachment:
 Monograph

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Robert R. Bowie
Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

FROM : Rear Admiral J. J. Ekelund, USN
National Intelligence Officer for
Conventional Forces

SUBJECT : Briefing for General Jones on TACAIR
Balance

REFERENCE : Personal Letter to DCI from MGEN Brown,
dated 22 September 1977 (ER 77-9210)

1. Action Requested. Air Force Chief of Staff wants the Dixon briefing of last spring. This memorandum provides response.

2. Background. In the reference General Jim Brown asks that the CIA give to General Jones and the Air Staff the identical briefing given to General Dixon in the spring.

I talked to Jim Brown and assured him that the CIA would provide a briefing but suggested that:

--the Air Staff review of a CIA monograph on "The Balance of Forces in Central Europe"--Attachment A--might satisfy that need but in any case should help to identify issues and raise questions that we could address. (I requested comments from DIA on the monograph. A summary of these comments is clipped to Attachment A.)

--the CIA would want any briefing to cover the current assessment but would highlight where it differed from that provided to Dixon and why.

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3. Staff Position. OSR agrees with the concept of presenting a briefing of CIA's current assessment and highlighting the differences from their March view and the basis for change. Such a briefing can be ready for your review in about two weeks.

4. Recommendation. You sign the response to Jim Brown at Attachment B.



Attachments:

- A-The Balance of Forces in Central Europe
- B-Letter response to Jim Brown

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